

NEW YORKERS ARE READY FOR A NEW DIRECTION

Under the leadership of President Bush and his Republican allies in Congress, life has become more difficult for New Yorkers. Here are some of the ways that life has become less affordable and secure in New York. Democrats are working for real security, better jobs, college access for all, energy independence, affordable health care, and retirement security. It's time for a new direction in New York.

INCOME: NEW YORKERS ARE BARELY EARNING MORE TODAY THAN THEY WERE FIVE YEARS AGO

- In 2000, the median income in New York was \$46,515.¹
- In 2005, the median income in New York was \$46,659, a slight increase of 0.3 percent.²

HEALTH CARE: THE NUMBER OF UNINSURED IN NEW YORK CONTINUES TO BE A PROBLEM UNDER BUSH REPUBLICANS

- In 2000, New York had 2,932,000 adults without insurance (16.0 percent).³
- In 2005, New York had 2,559,000 adults without insurance (13.5 percent).⁴
- New York had 618,973 children benefit from the SCHIP Program.⁵

EDUCATION: THE COST OF COLLEGE CONTINUES TO RISE IN NEW YORK

- In 2001, tuition at a public four-year institution in New York was \$10,254.⁶ In 2005, it was \$12,441, a 21 percent increase.⁷
- In 2001, tuition at a private four-year institution in New York was \$25,171.⁸ In 2005, it was \$30,907, a 23 percent increase.⁹
- Number of New Yorkers affected by the lapse of the College Tuition Tax Deduction – 238,254¹⁰
- Number of New Yorkers affected by the lapse of the Educator Expenses Tax Deduction – 247,567¹¹

GAS PRICES: THE HIGH COST OF GAS CONTINUES TO BE A BURDEN FOR NEW YORK RESIDENTS

- In 2001, the average cost of gas in New York was \$1.430 a gallon.¹²
- Today the average cost of gas in New York is \$2.668 a gallon.¹³
- In 2001, the average annual cost of gas for a household in New York was \$1,652.¹⁴
- Today the average annual cost of gas for a household in New York is \$3,082, \$1,430 (86.6 percent) more than it was in 2001.¹⁵

SOCIAL SECURITY: NEW YORKERS DON'T WANT AN END TO SOCIAL SECURITY

- Number of Social Security Beneficiaries in New York – 3,045,290¹⁶
- Average Monthly Benefit per Beneficiary in New York – \$927¹⁷

IRAQ, TROOPS AND VETERANS: NEW YORKERS ON THE FRONT LINES

- Number of New Yorkers killed in Iraq – 123¹⁸
- Number of New Yorkers wounded in Iraq – 994¹⁹
- Number of New Yorkers killed in Afghanistan – 20²⁰
- Number of New Yorkers wounded in Afghanistan – 52²¹
- Number of Veterans in New York – 1,171,900²²

REPUBLICANS CONTINUE TO PUSH FOR GIVEAWAYS FOR A WEALTHY MINORITY WHILE IGNORING NEW YORK'S MINIMUM WAGE WORKERS

- Only 2,535 estates in New York paid an Estate Tax in 2004.²³
- Only 422 estates in New York will benefit from the Estate Tax cut in 2009.²⁴
- In contrast, 314,000 workers in New York would benefit from an increase in the minimum wage.²⁵

CRIME: FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY POLICING DISAPPEARING

- Amount of COPS Funding Dispersed in 2002 – 22,285,986²⁶
- Amount of COPS Funding Dispersed in 2006 – 7,769,304²⁷

TAX CUTS: BUSH TAX POLICIES BENEFIT THE WEALTHIEST NEW YORKERS

The Bush tax cuts have overwhelmingly benefited the wealthiest New Yorkers.

- In 2001, the richest one percent of New York residents each received an average of \$4,519 in tax cuts, while middle class New York residents received only \$370.²⁸
- In 2006, the richest one percent of New York residents will receive an average of \$72,738 in tax cuts, while middle class New York residents will only receive \$655.²⁹
- In 2010, under the Bush tax plan, the richest one percent of New York residents will each receive an average of \$140,335 in tax cuts, while middle class New York residents will only receive \$744.³⁰

The richest New Yorkers receive an ever-growing share of the Bush tax cut.

- In 2001, the richest New Yorkers received 10.2 percent of the Bush tax cut, while the middle class received 16.6 percent of the tax cut.³¹
- But, in 2006, the richest New Yorkers will get 39.7 percent of the Bush tax cut, while the middle class will get 7.2 percent of the tax cut.³²
- And, in 2010, the richest New Yorkers will get 64.4 percent of the Bush tax cut, while the middle class will get 6.8 percent of the tax cut.³³

Bush capital gains and dividend tax cuts overwhelmingly benefit the wealthiest New Yorkers.

- In 2010, the richest New Yorkers will receive an average of \$23,299 from the Bush capital gains and dividend tax cuts. That means the richest New Yorkers will be getting over 63.9 percent of all of the tax cut benefit.³⁴
- In contrast, in 2010, middle class New Yorkers will receive an average of \$67 from the Bush capital gains and dividend tax cuts. That's just 3.7 percent of the benefit going to the middle class.³⁵

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